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In response to the Office Action dated March 24, 2004, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

This Response, submitted in reply to the Office Action dated March 24, 2004, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-40 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 8, 27 and 40 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Nguyen et al. (Segmentation, Grouping and feature Detection for Face Analysis; IEEE Proceedings in Computer Vision, ISBN